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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MEXICO

1. VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARISTIDES CALVANI ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY AUGUST 26 AT THE HEAD OF A PARTY OF SOME 12 VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH SENIOR GOM OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PETROLEUM, CIVIL AVIATION, REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, CECLA, THE REORGANIZATION OF THE OAS, AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

2. DURING VISIT CALCANI STRESSED THAT GREATEST NEED FOR
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LA COUNTRIES TODAY IS FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, AND HE

CALLED FOR SOLCING THE "CRISIS" IN LAFTA AND FOR SUPPORT OF THE ANDEAN PACT AND OTHER REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPS.

3. CALVANI DESCRIBED THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS AS "DEAD AND BURIED", AND CALLED FOR A FUNDAMENTAL REORGANIZATION OF THE OAS STRUCTURE TO REPLACE IT, A REORGANIZATION WHICH WILL RESULT IN GREATER LA VOICE IN OAS POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. CECLA, CALVANI FEELS, SHOULD PLAY A KEY ADVISORY ROLE IN STRUCTURING THE RENEWED OAS.

4. CALVANI REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, POINTING OUT THAT VENEZUELA AS ONE OF ITS EARLIEST SUPORTERS AT THE UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN CHILE LAST YEAR. HE DESCRIBED THE CHARTER AS REPRESENTING A DESIRE FOR JUSTICE AND PROGRESS BY THE LA STATES AND THE THIRD WORLD. HE ADDED WITH SATISFACTION THAT WORK ON THE CHARTER, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS THE ECONOMIC ANALOGUE OF THE CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IS NOW UNDERWAY.

5. MEMBERS OF VENEZUELAN TEAM REPORTEDLY WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE INCREASED EXPORT SALES OF CRUDE OIL BY VENEZUELA TO PETROLEOS MEXICANOS, STATE OIL AGENCY. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON VENEZUELAN-MEXICAN BILATERAL CIVAIR AGREEMENT, THOUGH THIS NOT CONFIRMED. OTHER SUBJECTS BEING DISCUSSED ARE PENDING BILTERAL TRADE AGREEMENT, COOPERATION IN AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION, AND NEW CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS. DETAILS ON RESULTS THESE NEGOTIATIONS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
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